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## **11 THINGS TO DO IN OFF SEASON MONTAUK IN WINTER**



It's July, and beach-seeking trippers hit Montauk's pristine sands to decompress, swim, sunbathe and surf. Same beach in December, the low season, and travelers may still convene with nature and save money by taking the trip in winter.

The winter season lasts from mid-November through March when the average air and sea temperatures hover around 40 degrees in the Long Island, NY, seaside hamlet. But the beach suite you coveted at a lavish resort that cost from \$1,000 a night on a July weekend, costs from \$180 by waiting until December.

"Traveling during winter can save you from up to 80 percent on lodging, allowing you to trade up to a higher class of accommodation than you could manage in summer," notes Laraine Creegan, executive director of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce.

The year-round accommodations are Born Free Suites by the Sea, Daunt's Albatross Motel, Gurney's Montauk Resort and Seawater Spa, Montauk Manor, Montauk Motel, Hither House, Kenny's Tipperary Inn, Lenhart's Cottages, Royal Atlantic Beach Resort, Sea Crest Resort, Uihlein's Motel, Windward Shores Resort and Sunrise Guest House. They post rate cards on their websites making it easy to see the seasonal fluctuations with exact dates and costs.

Of course, there are drawbacks to low-season travel to Montauk. Some restaurants and stores are closed for the season; a call to the Chamber of Commerce gets you the list of open establishments (631-668-2428, Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

But Montauk in winter has its charms.

1. Take in the Montauk Lighthouse-- high on a promontory in Montauk State Park—that is lit up until January 5, 2020.
2. Walk the forest trails, appreciate water views and observe the weird old military installations in 415-acre Camp Hero State Park. The park is the site of a WWII defensive air force base that is the real-world inspiration for the plot of Netflix's *Stranger Things*.
3. Cozy up to Montauk Brewing Company's tap room for a seasonal quaff.
4. Dine or sip a cocktail while overlooking the ocean enclosed in one of Gurney's Montauk novel, multi-sensory theme, heated igloos installed on its deck.
5. On the drive out to Montauk on Route 27, stop at Water Mill's Duck Walk Vineyards or Sagaponack's Wolffer Estate tasting rooms for a warming flight of wine.
6. Watch the die-hard surfers hitting the waves all winter long.
7. Enjoy a swim in an indoor pool, one of which is filled with seawater, or pamper yourself in a spa.
8. On New Year's Day observe Montaukers (or yourself) make a mad dash into the Atlantic from Gurney's beach in the Polar Beach Plunge for a worthy local cause.
9. Watch seals bask on rocks.
10. Walk the beach, take in the stars of the dark skies and utter quietude of Montauk in winter.
11. End winter on the first day of spring on March 22, 2020, at Montauk's St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest in New York State.

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